

### 34. Authorisations Committee

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1. The Authorisations Committee has reviewed applications from Circuits to authorise those who are not ordained as presbyters to preside at services of Holy Communion. Careful consideration was given to applications using the established criteria and the newly designed forms which were being used for the first time.
2. The Committee considered a total of 74 applications (including renewals after three years): 16 presbyteral probationers and 58 lay people. 72 authorisations are recommended to the Conference. The Committee declined to recommend two probationer applications pending further conversation about the level of deprivation.
3. The Committee last year agreed to seek the permission of the Conference to consult with the Connexional Team members with responsibility for Fresh Expressions in the case of future applications under missional criteria. It again had the opportunity to consider applications made under the missional criterion approved by the 2012 Conference. The Committee considered three applications made under this criterion, and it was decided to approve all of these.
4. There were no applications for authorisations for deacons this year. In the case of applications for deacons, these should only be submitted following a thorough consultation with the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order and on the basis that the Circuit will make every effort to train a lay person to take up the role the following year. The Committee is aware of theological work being done elsewhere on the suitability of authorisations for deacons and will await the outcome of the decision of the Conference on this matter.
5. The work of the Committee allows its members to gain a picture from across the Connexion of the new realities in most Circuits and changing patterns of worship. For that reason, the Committee will be exploring a new formula for use in applications. In the meantime the application form for 2020 for all authorisations will be slightly revised to make it more user friendly and this will be available to District Chairs in October. Applications need to be considered by Circuit Meetings, District Policy Committees and Synods before submission. The Committee was very pleased to receive more applications in electronic form this year and would like to encourage Circuits to apply electronically.
6. All applications for consideration in 2020 should be submitted to the Conference Office by Friday 3 April 2020. The Committee will meet towards the end of April 2020 to consider the applications received
7. Authorisations, when granted, are for one year and their scope is limited to the Circuit in which the person resides. If the District Policy Committee is satisfied that the person authorised remains suitable and the circumstances of the Circuit have not changed, it may on the application of the Circuit Meeting recommend a renewal of the authorisation for a second or third year, and the Authorisations Committee supports any such recommendation without further investigation (see lists B and C below).
8. The Committee is planning to gather information about the current situation with regard to deprivation, given changes which are taking place on the ground, and with particular reference to larger Circuits and Fresh Expressions. On this basis the Committee will continue to review the current criteria for deprivation.

9. The Committee welcomes informal consultations with any Circuit considering making an application for an authorisation.

**\*\*\*RESOLUTIONS**

**34/1. The Conference received the Report.**

**34/2. The Conference authorised the following persons to preside at the Lord's Supper for the year commencing 1 September 2019 in accordance with the provisions of SO 011:**

**AUTHORISATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE 2019 CONFERENCE**

Key: P = Probationer presbyter  
D = Deacon  
L = Lay person  
M = Approved under missional criterion

**LIST A – New applications for authorisations for three years**

<b>Circuit no</b>	<b>Circuit name</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Cat</b>
1/1	Cymru (Ardal Bathafarn/Bathafarn Area)	Elizabeth Jones	L
1/1	Cymru (Ardal Glannau Maelor/Glannau Maelor Area)	Maryl Rees	L
1/1	Cymru (Ardal Glannau Meirion a Dyfi/Glannau Meirion a Dyfi Area)	Eluned Williams	L
1/1	Cymru (Ardal Powys/Powys Area)	Tom Ellis	L
5/10	Coventry and Nuneaton	Doreen Koffie-Williams	P
5/24	Herefordshire (South and West)	Joyce Wayman	L
6/3	Farnworth and Worsley	Sarah Knebel	P
6/5	Wigan	Jim Whelan	L
7/2	Bristol and South Gloucestershire	Leigh Maydew	P
7/7	Gloucestershire	Rachel Leather	P
9/4	Western Fells	Lilian Dixon	L
9/4	Western Fells	Victoria Jones	L
9/4	Western Fells	Viv Kendall	L
9/4	Western Fells	Mandy Taylor	M
9/7	Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay	David Askew	L
9/7	Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay	Wilf Capstick	L
9/7	Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay	Donald Marston	L
9/16	South West Cumbria United Area	Janet Ladds	L
9/16	South West Cumbria United Area	Bob Mantle	L
11/5	Dane and Trent	Nicola J Langton-Miller	P
12/3	Falmouth and Gwenapp	Paul Langford	L
12/3	Falmouth and Gwenapp	Jenny Lockwood	L
12/5	Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes	Christine Roberts	L

12/7	St Austell	Bernard Goudge	L
12/7	St Austell	Mary Lightfoot	L
12/7	St Austell	Tony Warren	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge	Anita Baker	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge	Val Sterling	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge	Myra Williams	L
12/9	West Cornwall	Lester Scott	L
12/17	Launceston	Sam Beazley	M
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Glenton Brown	L
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Robin Heywood	L
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Brian Parkman	L
15/1	Isle of Man	Rita Norrey	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Deryk Hand	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Roger Maidens	L
20/13	Bede	Matthew Thomas Sheard	P
20/15	South West Tyneside	David Charter	P
21/1	Burnley and Pendle	Richard Hoyle	L
22/2	Nottingham (South)	Paul Anfuso Johns	L
22/6	Derby	Calvin Cheung	P(M)
22/12	National Forest East	Susanna Draper	L
22/28	South Derbyshire	Denis Barratt	L
23/3	Witney and Faringdon	Jason Cooke	P
23/12	Melton Mowbray	Jennifer Oliver	L
23/27	High Wycombe	Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	P
23/28	Amersham	John Poston	L
23/28	Amersham	Pamela Sitford	L
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Geoffrey Harding	L
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Brenda Prentice	L
24/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Sheila Collier	L
24/23	Torrige	David Ley	L
25/14	Doncaster	Alice Curry	L
25/14	Doncaster	Sue Pickering	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne	David Guy	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne	Anne Holmes	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne	Clive Taylor	L
25/19	Trinity	Keith Abel	L
25/19	Trinity	Graham Lee	L
26/4	Basingstoke and Reading	June Hardcastle	L
26/5	Yeovil and Blackmore Vale	Richard Sinden	L
26/5	Yeovil and Blackmore Vale	Margaret Whitford	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Debs Brazier	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Jean Churchill	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Chris Warren	L

26/8	Dorset South and West	Tim Wells	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	John Wells	L
27/17	Aire and Calder	Ruth Gilson Webb	P
27/18	Skipton and Grassington	Tracey Anne Darling	P
27/18	Skipton and Grassington	Jane Jolly	L
27/21	Settle	Timothy Broughton	P
28/2	Brownhills and Willenhall	Stuart Reed	P
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Vivienne Thomas	L
29/10	Bridlington	Ian Greenfield	P
29/26	Nidd Valley	Moses John	P
31/10	North of Scotland Mission	James Stephen Garnett	P
34/4	South Bedfordshire	J Stephen Jones	L
34/4	South Bedfordshire	Roger J Owers	L
34/14	West Hertfordshire and Borders	Stuart John Dyer	P
36/21	North Kent	Bart Woodhouse	M

#### LIST B – Renewals after one year for applications granted in 2018

Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
2/9	Cardiff	Alun Hughes	L
2/9	Cardiff	Alexis Mahoney	P
2/16	Mid Glamorgan Mission	Eileen Gardiner	L
2/16	Mid Glamorgan Mission	Philip J Osborne	P
2/25	Welshpool Bro Hafren	John Harbron	L
2/25	Welshpool Bro Hafren	Jennifer Thomas	L
5/1	Birmingham	Adam Sanders	M
5/6	Birmingham (West) and Oldbury	Michael Hall	L
9/7	Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay	Andrew J Sterling	P
9/14	South Lakes	John Biggs	L
9/14	South Lakes	Brenda Horrocks	L
9/16	South West Cumbria United Area	Zena Smith	P
11/22	North Staffordshire	Joy R Ventom	P
11/24	Staffordshire Moorlands	Lynne Bradbury	L
12/3	Falmouth and Gwennap	Gerald Triggs	L
12/5	Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes	Clare J Anderson	P
12/5	Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes	Michael Fairhead	L
12/5	Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes	Miranda Knight	L
12/7	St Austell	John Keast	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge	Roderick Harrison	L
12/12	St Ives (Fore Street)	W Rodney Orr	L
12/14	Lizard and Mount's Bay	William T Reed	L

13/3	Stockton	Sheila Hargreaves	L
13/3	Stockton	A Keith Robinson	L
14/10	Norfolk Broads	Shaun Cushion	L
18/13	Sankey Valley	Sian Williams	P
19/8	Altrincham	Shirley Blinston	L
19/11	Oldham and Saddleworth	Natalie Hackett	P
19/11	Oldham and Saddleworth	Graham Radcliffe	L
22/14	Mid Derbyshire	Keith Bryan	L
22/14	Mid Derbyshire	John P Malnutt	P
23/1	Oxford	Paul G Carter	P
23/7	Leicester (Trinity)	D Jervis Yovan	P
23/9	Leicester (West)	Judith Lincoln	P
23/10	Loughborough	Calvin Cheung	P (M)
23/11	Hinckley	Judith Cooke	L
23/12	Melton Mowbray	Michael Thompson	L
23/29	Vale of Aylesbury	Arthur Sara	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Muriel Hodges	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Clive Smale	L
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Martin Reardon	L
25/1	Sheffield	Melissa Quinn	L
25/11	Bolsover and Stavely	Kevin Laming	L
25/14	Doncaster	Susanna Brookes	L
25/14	Doncaster	Christine Ogley	L
25/14	Doncaster	Barry Parker	L
25/14	Doncaster	Steven Willimott	L
25/15	Barnsley	Ben Scrivens	P
26/8	Dorset South and West	Pam Woodland	L
26/10	Christchurch and Wimborne	Phillip Dixon	P
26/11	Isle of Wight	Maralyne Hollingshead	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	Marian Izzard	L
27/2	Leeds (North and East)	Rebekah J Stennett	P
28/1	Wolverhampton	Samantha Hagerman	P
28/2	Brownhills and Willenhall	Michael Smith	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Ruth Downes	L
28/5	Vale of Stour	Josephine Soon	P
28/13	Dudley and Netherton	William J Jones	L
28/13	Dudley and Netherton	Peter Roberts	L
29/32	South Holderness	Thomas J Parker	P
34/1	North Bedfordshire	Dalwyn R Attwell	P

34/4	South Bedfordshire	Colin Quine	L
34/10	Southend and Leigh	Steve Mayo	L
34/15	North Hertfordshire	Christine Warren	L
35/12	London Mission (North West)	Esther Akam	P
35/22	New River	Matthew Lunn	P
35/36	Harrow and Hillingdon	Kenneth P Kingston	P
36/6	Wey Valley	Sydney S Ekundayo Lake	P
36/8	West Sussex Coast and Downs	Daniel Balsdon	P
36/25	South Kent	Joy P Brumwell	L
36/25	South Kent	Hugh Burnham	L

#### LIST C – Renewals after two years initially granted in 2017

Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Clement Raymond	L
2/20	South West Wales	Ian D Ledgard	L
9/16	South West Cumbria United Area	Sophie Carnaby	L
9/16	South West Cumbria United Area	Hayley Edmondson	L
11/15	Stoke-on-Trent North	Paul Owen	L
12/1	Camborne, Redruth and Hayle	Brian Thornton	L
12/11	St Ives	Kenneth Basset	L
12/11	St Ives	R J Lester Scott	L
12/19	Liskeard and Looe	David Nicholls	L
13/4	Castle Eden	John G Kidd	L
13/17	Barnard Castle and Teesdale	William Bartle	L
22/13	Borders Mission	David Hopkinson	L
22/13	Borders Mission	Harry Smith	L
22/28	South Derbyshire	Joyce Greenwood	L
23/5	Banbury	Hazel Stagg	L
23/7	Leicester (Trinity)	Jo Kay	L
23/7	Leicester (Trinity)	Sue Moore	L
23/11	Hinckley	Neville Spark	L
23/19	Kettering and Corby	Kate Horrix	L
23/19	Kettering and Corby	Maureen Ownsworth	L
23/19	Kettering and Corby	Philip Rice	L
24/10	South Devon	Rachel A Mitchell	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Courtney Drew	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Michael Reeves	L
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Anne Browse	L
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Hilary Young	L
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Sylvia Edwards	L
24/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Gloria Manning	L

24/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Arthur Mildon	L
24/23	Torrige	Elsie Potter	L
24/24	West Devon	Daisy Bray	L
24/24	West Devon	Barry Searle	L
24/25	West Somerset	Margaret Lintern	L
24/27	Ringsash	Colin Rice	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Wayne Ashton	L
26/4	Basingstoke and Reading	Terry Rowell	L
26/4	Basingstoke and Reading	Sarah Whithorn	L
26/6	Meon Valley	Rosie Banks	L
27/32	Bradford North	Stuart Ayrton	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Sue Matthews	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Jacob Molyneux	L
28/14	Gornal and Sedgley	William Caldwell	L
34/4	South Bedfordshire	Martin Wallis	L
34/9	Chelmsford	Esther A Hume	L
34/9	Chelmsford	Sue Johnson	L
34/9	Chelmsford	Gillian Songer	L
36/18	Weald of Kent	Richard Cannam	L